

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A lens apparatus capable of performing serial communication with a camera body through a serial communication interface, comprising:

a selection device which ~~permits or~~ prohibits the serial communication.

2. (ORIGINAL) The lens apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

when the serial communication is prohibited by said selection device, parallel communication is performed with a camera body.

3. (ORIGINAL) The lens apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

when the serial communication is prohibited by said selection device, a processing speed of a processing circuit loaded into said lens apparatus is reduced.